

Mapping the Guyana-Venezuela Border Controversy and its History



Project Title	Mapping the Guyana-Venezuela Border Controversy and its History
Project Summary	Using sources already collected by Georgetown Pol/Econ, complete a Google Maps project overlaying various historical maps and other source materials.
Country	Guyana
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	N/A
Post	GEORGETOWN
Section	POL
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

Georgetown Pol/Econ started a Google Map project to look at all of the relevant historical and current data on the Guyana-Venezuela border controversy, as it is locally known. These sources include historical maps of the region, currently recognized boundaries, coordinates of important locations (such as Exxon’s oil wells), current pronouncements (such as Guyana’s declared EEZ and Venezuela’s declared “maritime defense zone”), etc. Due to time constraints, the Section has been unable to complete the project and is seeking assistance from a VSFS intern. The project will assist Embassy Georgetown (as well as other stakeholders like Embassy Caracas, the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, the National Security Council, etc.) in briefing others on the history and current state of the dispute.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill
Data analysis
data visualization
use of Google maps to create overlays
mapping

Additional Information

Some level of Spanish could come in handy, some Portuguese might also help but is even less likely to be useful.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Spanish	Elementary proficiency	Elementary proficiency	Nice to Have